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Docket No. PER-003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: Loren Redburn and Kenneth F. Florek

For: SECURITY FASTENER AND METHOD OF SECURING LUGGAGE

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification, abstract and claims (8 pages)
2. ☒ 3 sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-4)  
Suggested Figure for Publication: \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ Declaration  
☒ signed ☐ unsigned  
☒ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☐ Application Data Sheet
5. ☒ Preliminary Amendment; 6 pages
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to: George E. Florek.  
The assignment was recorded on April 24, 2003 at reel 014004 and frame 0417.  
☒ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.
9. ☐ Non-Publication Request
10. ☐ Other:

**NOTE the following:**

11. ☒ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a  
☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional

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of Prior Application No. 10/422,532 filed April 24, 2003, which was based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/376,458, filed April 30, 2002.

12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.
13. Small Entity Status:  
☒ Applicant is a small entity  
☐ Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper
14. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:
15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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16. ☐ Cancel claims 1-11 prior to calculation of the filing fee.

**FILING FEE:** calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$770.00
Total No. Claims 17	Extra Claims(Total-20) 0	Fee / claim \$18.00	\$0
Total No. Independent Claims 2	Extra Independ.(No.-3) 0	Fee / claim \$86.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claim? + \$280			\$0
<b>Sub-Total</b>			\$770.00
Small Entity? less 50%			385.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>			\$385.00

17. ☒ A check in the amount of is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).

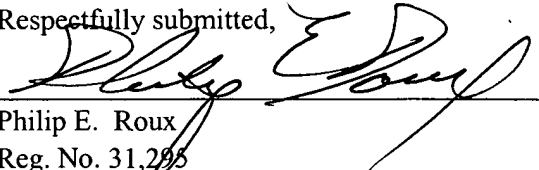
In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted in the pending prior application, and in the event that a separate petition for the pending prior application is not filed on even date, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R.1.136(a) for an extension of time in the pending prior application of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with such a petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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